

# **WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**

**PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM**



## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

**THURSDAY 13th May 2021**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 7 were recorded  
**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Cr. Kathy Brodie & Cr. Tony Carr

## **COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES**

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 8th April 2021 meeting were adopted

***Motion carried: 8 in favour, 9 abstentions, 0 against***

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Council Response to Precinct's April 2021 Minutes

**Community Recycling Centre/E-Waste** – Council's Waste Management Officer has advised that the collection contractor at the CRC – MRI PSO P/L – has gone into liquidation. Consequently the CRC is not accepting E-waste at the moment. Council is in the process of appointing a collection contractor and when completed, Council will update the website advising E-waste collection is back at the CRC.

**W.H. Brothers Memorial Park** – Council has advised that parking across a driveway is already prohibited under the Road Rules. A sign on the gate is not a regulatory sign. The matter has been referred to Manager Parks and Reserves for consideration.

**Council Meeting Procedures** – Council's Manager Governance and Committee Services has advised that Council resolved to adopt the Model Code of Meeting Practice on 24 June 2019. The Model Code does not permit members of the public to address Councillors during the Council or Committee meeting.

- **Memorandum. April 2021** – Precinct Office Bearers to resign on 4 year term expiry or if election candidate
- **Memorandum 7 April 2021 – The Liveability Census.** Place Score is running the 2021 Survey that closes 30 June 2021. Survey link – [www.placescore.org/dc](http://www.placescore.org/dc)

- **Memorandum 15 April 2021 – Exhibition Draft Amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 – Ward Street Precinct Masterplan** – Open until 17 May 2021.
- **Memorandum 28 April 2021 – Neutral Bay Club Land Swap** - Submissions close 5pm Monday 1 June 2021 - email: [yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)
- **Memorandum 28 April 2021 – Public Attendance at Traffic Committee Meeting** - Due to the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions, members of the public can attend Traffic Committee meetings from 30 April 2021.
- **Memorandum 5 May 2021 – Local Government Elections Provisions 4 September.**
- **Agenda of the North Sydney Council Meeting on 26 April 2021**
- **Business Proposed to be Transacted at the Traffic Committee on 30 April 2021**

\* **Parraween St,Development**

A Precinct resident requested Precinct members sign a petition against a development proposal which would see the line of Victorian period workers’ cottages in Parraween Street replaced with a 5 storey aged care facility. At this stage many cottages in Parraween Street between Langley Avenue and Cremorne Plaza have been acquired for development. Petition forms will be available on 17 May 2021 at the Cremorne Orpheum Theatre when Elizabeth Farrelly will talk on her new book, “Killing Sydney: The Fight for a City’s Soul”. The talk will highlight the threats to both Sydney’s built heritage and local character with specific reference to Cremorne.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

15	Richmond Avenue	DA Approved modified proposal
6	Lloyd Avenue	DA Approved
16	Lloyd Avenue	DA Plans amended
42	Ellalong Road	DA Approved
12	Fernhurst Avenue	DA Plans
10	Levick Street	DA Withdrawn

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Cr. Kathy Brodie from Victoria Ward & Cr. Tony Carr from Tunks Ward**

**Military Road Corridor Planning Study**

There were approximately 240 submissions to Council in response to the planning study. It is understood that the majority of submissions opposed an increase in the height limit to 12 storeys. Cr. Carr has requested to view the submissions, but has not been able to see one of them. Resident concern is that Council is handing developers a free ticket to a twelve storey height limit for Neutral Bay. There is now Covid-limited demand for commercial office space in Neutral Bay. The focus of State Governments should be on Crows Nest and the Metro Station, where all the commercial development ought to be. Why should Council be opening the door to high rise development that will destroy the Neutral Bay village?

Precinct’s concern is that it was understood that approximately 73% of residents had objected to the increase to 12 storeys. Furthermore, when it was debated at Council, it ended in a tied vote and only passed on the Mayor’s casting vote. Precinct members did not understand how a number of Councillors could speak against the 12 storeys and then vote for it.

## **Young Street Closure**

This will probably be permanent. One of the shop owners in Young Street has been offered a lease.

## **Precinct System Review – Recommendation to Governance & Finance Committee**

- Precinct Amalgamations

Option 2 (Suburb Based Precincts) not be proceeded with.

Options 1A & 1B involves merging inactive precincts with active precincts. Under Option 1A - Bennett & Harrison merge; Kurraba & Hayes merge; Neutral & half of Anderson merge; Milson, Bradfield and half of Anderson merge.

Willoughby Bay and Brightmore will stand alone.

These recommendations go before Council on 24 May 2021

- Combined Precinct Committee (CPC)

Proposed Amendments to the CPC format were met with strong dissatisfaction by Precinct Committees in response following a meeting between senior management and CPC co – convenors it was agreed that the changes in the CPC format proposed be discontinued. Council will continue to support 4-6 CPC meetings p.a. with secretarial support.

The Precinct System Review recommendations will go to Council on 24 May 2021.

## **DCP Local Character Statements & Heritage Item Review**

This was raised by Harrison Precinct at the last CPC Meeting and in regard to Holt Avenue. Recommendation from CPC was that Council should find the money to actually do a review of the Local Character Statements & Heritage Items across the whole of the LGA.

## **Affordable Housing**

Last year St Vincent de Paul advocated for the project in Miller Street, North Sydney for domestic violence so approximately \$2.0m from the Council's Affordable Housing Reserve was allocated to that. Precinct understands that a proposal to purchase suitable properties with the remaining \$2.1m of funding will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

## **Gerard / Macpherson Intersection**

Within the last fortnight, two residents have complained to Chair about near misses at this intersection. Cr. Carr noted Council advice that this location does not meet the traffic warrants for traffic lights. Due to site distance, horizontal road alignment and vehicle swept paths constraints, Transport of NSW does not support installing traffic lights at this intersection. Other treatment such as raising the crossing would be more appropriate.

## **Grasmere / Young Roundabout**

Cr. Carr advised Precinct of Council's engineer's advice: 'The installation of a roundabout at the intersection was investigated as part of the design process for the intersection changes. However it was found that these investigations due to the intersection geometry and space constraints north of the intersection it is not possible to construct a roundabout which meets current design and safety standards and provides sufficient space for public buses.'

## **Cammeray Golf Club**

Cammeray Golf Club will be losing 30% of its land due to Western Harbour Tunnel excavation. At the conclusion of works, the State Govt which owns the course (with Council owning the clubhouse) will hand back 5% to the Club. The possibility of reducing the course to 9 holes, with public park the remainder, was discussed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1 W. H. Brothers Memorial Park**

Precinct thanks Hugh Goodman for his excellent work at the Park. Hugh is intending to mulch Fifth Avenue. A working bee is being planned for 26 or 27 May.

### **2. Falls Road / Primrose Park Regeneration**

A Precinct member advised that Willoughby Falls has been fenced off for a native regeneration program.

### **3. Environmental Reference Group**

On 3 May 2021 the ERG had its first meeting since November 2019. Agenda items included:

**Food scraps study** – 6 month trial - \$180,000 – 400 home units are being tested for the processing of waste to go to the facility for fertiliser & green power. Study now to include scope for community education to minimise waste in the first place.

**Bush Care Community Program** – ended in discussion about Noisy Miners and Brush turkeys. After discussion the Group put Council that it consider mitigation measures for any adverse impact of these two species.

**Coal Loader Update** - many activities.

**WornUp program**-scheme for hundreds of kilograms of school uniforms to be recycled. Group suggested Council extend the program to all or more types of clothing.

### **Water & Energy Management Programs Update**

**Sydney Library of Things at Coal Loader** – donated tool facility for community borrowings.

### **4. Precinct resident featured on Gardening Australia**

Congratulations to a Precinct resident of Tobruk Avenue who shared his garden with the program.

### **5. Financial Inducement to Remove Trees**

A Precinct resident was offered a financial inducement to poison two trees on the resident's property by a neighbour to enhance the neighbour's view. Cr. Carr suggested the resident take photos and ask for the offer to be put in writing, documenting all dealings with the neighbour.

## **6. Further guests**

Suggestion that election candidates be invited to Precinct to inform on their policies was favourably received.

## **7. Vote of Thanks to Crs. Brodie and Carr**

Precinct thanked Crs. Brodie and Carr for sharing their insights into Council matters.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 10 June 2021

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